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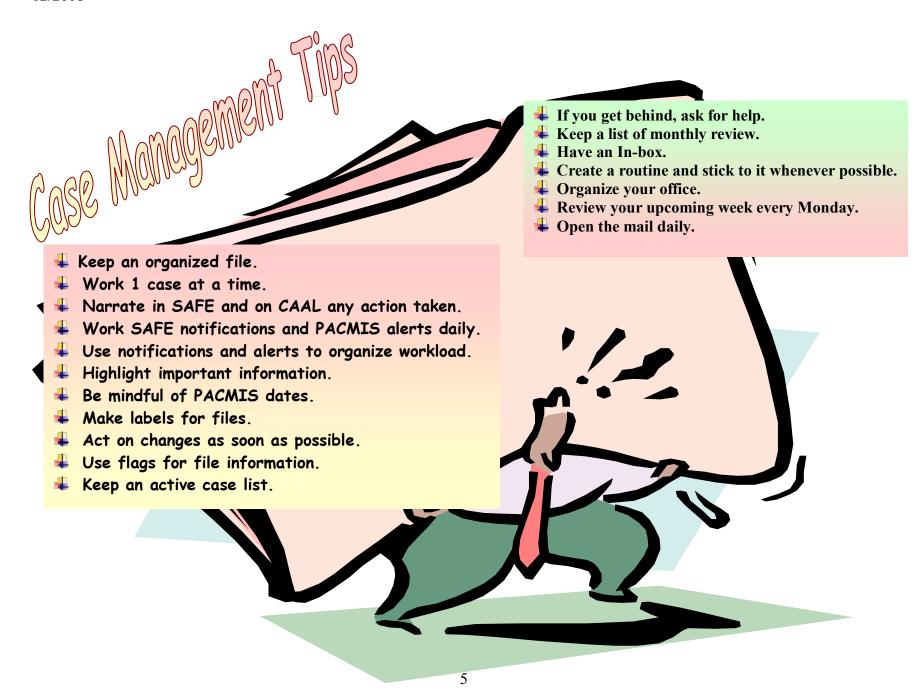
# Eligibility Basic Principles

- Every child who is under the care and placement responsibility of the State (for DCFS open SAFE SCF case) must have Title IV-E and Medicaid eligibility determined.
- **Eligibility determination consists of three distinct determinations.** 
  - ➤ Title IV-E Eligibility
  - > Title IV-E Reimbursability
  - Medicaid Eligibility
- Eligibility must be determined based upon the best available information from as many sources as possible. Documentation must be sufficient to support the conclusion that the determination is reasonable.
- It is critical to maintain accurate and current information in each case record (electronic and hard copy) and that the process and results are clearly documented. The electronic systems of record must reflect the information maintained in the hard copy records.
- Eligibility decisions must be completed within 30 days of receipt of application and supporting documentation.
- Ongoing maintenance of each case is essential. Eligibility workers must be diligent about ensuring ongoing accuracy of the cases and perform ongoing maintenance activities according to required timeframes (such as annual reviews, when changes are made, pursuing and tracking court order language, etc.).
- The eligibility worker must notify casework teams of their requirements to provide applications, complete reviews, provide court orders and other documentation, and to notify eligibility workers of changes affecting eligibility.
- Eligibility workers or supervisors carrying eligibility caseloads are obligated to attend all eligibility training sessions, comply with agency direction in conducting eligibility work, develop competence in performing eligibility functions and to apply current requirements.
- Administration is responsible to provide support, resources, training and technical assistance to support effective and accurate eligibility work.

# Tips for New Eligibility Workers

- Take it one step at a time!
- Don't stress! It will all make sense one day!
- **\*** Be persistent!
- Establish a pattern!
- # Handle one piece of paper at a time!
- \* Breathe!
- Ask for help!
- Read and re-read your manual! Then use it!
- Come to training! It's good!
- \* Ask a lot of questions!
- \* Really read the court orders!
- \* Establish a good working relationship with all the workers!
- Our jobs and the status of our jobs is just as important as anyone else's.
- \* Don't hesitate to talk to your eligibility partners, AAG's, judges, caseworkers, supervisors, court clerks, State Office staff.
- Don't be timid or afraid to request what you need to do your job.
- \* Always sign and date your determinations.
- \* It helps to read the CPS activity logs before you make a determination.
- Be organized!
- Don't generalize. Every case is different!
- \* Make a checklist to help you remember what you need to do.
- Remember the details!
- Prioritize!
- \* Remember to go to the bathroom. Take a break. Walk away.
- Be flexible!
- Don't make things harder than they are! Take one task at a time.
- Color code. Have your highlighters handy.
- \* Call your mentor or the State Office staff.
- \* Date stamp!
- \* Include relevant court orders in the eligibility file.
- \* Print everything to back up your determination.
- \* One of your greatest assets will be a good relationship with your eligibility partners throughout the State.
- \* Compliment others! You catch more flies with sugar than with vinegar.
- Don't be afraid to discuss the issues that concern you.





## **Initial IV-E** Eligibility Requirements

#### Initial IV-E Requirements

Age
Citizenship
Identify the AFDC group
Deprivation
AFDC group income
AFDC group assets
Custody

- **Court Ordered Removal**
- **\*** Care and Placement

**Court Order Requirements** 

- **Best Interest Language in** the initial court order
- **❖** Reasonable Efforts language within 60 days of removal

**Voluntary Placement Agreement** 

**Court order with best interest language by the 181**st day

#### Removal

- **Constructive**
- Physical

Lived with Caretaker Relative losing custody within 6 months

#### Eligibility Placement Criteria

Qualified Placement
Licensed Placement
Court Ordered Placement
Pending Foster Home License
Conditional Foster Home License
Lapsed Foster Home Licenses
Placement with Kin (being licensed)
Criminal Background Screening
for placements licensed on or
after April 1, 2007.

#### Initial Reimbursability Requirements

SSI Recipient
Kin placement pending full licensure
Runaway

## **Ongoing IV-E Eligibility Requirements**

#### **Ongoing IV-E Requirements**

#### Custody **Court Order**

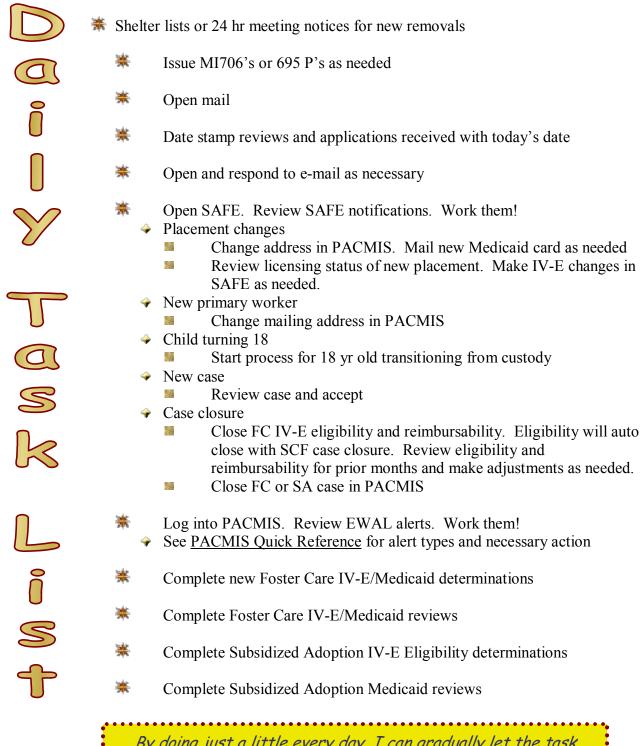
- **✗** Best interest language within 180 days for Voluntary Placement Agreements or Upfront Relinquishment (no lapses in 45 day agreements)
- **X** Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Permanency wording

Age

**Deprivation** Child's Income **Child's Assets Oualified Placement Licensed Placement Trial Home Placement Court Ordered Placement Pending Foster Home License Conditional Foster Home License Lapsed Foster Home License** Placement with Kin (being licensed)

#### **Ongoing Reimbursability Requirements**

SSI Recipient Kin placement pending full licensure Runaway



Complete Subsidized Adoption Medicaid reviews

By doing just a little every day, I can gradually let the task completely overwhelm me.

- Ashleigh Brilliant

# Tracking Tools

#### **34** GroupWise

- **★** E-mail
  - Initial Determination
  - Pending Lists
  - Court Orders
  - Eligibility status changes
  - 18 yr old youth
- **★** Assign tasks to yourself or others
- Microsoft Word
  - **X** Case Lists
  - **×** Permanency Order Lists
  - **×** Review Lists
  - **X** Task Lists
  - **MI-706 & 695 P Issuance**
- Excel
  - **X** Case Lists
  - **X** Permanency Order Lists
  - **X** Review Lists
  - **MI-706 & 695 P Issuance**
- Yoda
  - **★** Active Monthly PACMIS Case List
  - **★ Monthly Medicaid Review List**
- **PACMIS** 
  - **★** Use alerts on the EWAL screen to remind you of needed case action
  - **×** New hire alerts
  - **X** SSA/SSI income alerts
- **SAFE** 
  - **×** Notifications
    - Placement change
    - Primary worker change
    - Age 18
    - SCF case closure
    - Permanency hearing
  - **★** Use SAFE action items for case reminders
    - Out of State IV-E reviews (no Utah Medicaid)
    - Permanency order due date



# **Initial Eligibility Determination Checklist**

<b>Docu</b>	mentation_		
	61 FC complete and signed		
	Petition		
	Warrant/Court Order/Voluntary Relinquishment		
	☐ Custody		
	Best Interest Language		
	Reasonable Efforts Language		
	☐ Judge's Signature		
	Voluntary Placement Agreement		
	Birth and Citizenship Verification		
	Social Security Number		
	Parent Income/Asset Information		
Deteri	mination_		
	Application date stamped		
	Removal home information verified		
	IV-E/Medicaid Determination Form complete		
	Income Asset Computation Form complete		
	SAFE/CARE eligibility entry (including notes and worker assignment) complete		
	PACMIS eligibility entry (including CAAL and case rolled to issuance MO)		
Ц	Print CAP2, SAFE and/or CAAL Log for case file		
Notific	cation		
	Notification to all parties of determination result and eligibility begin date		
	Notification to BES/DWS worker of children's foster care status		
Case 1	File		



### **Eligibility Worker Quick Reference**

#### I. <u>Initial IV-E Eligibility Determination Information</u>

AFDC Relatedness-Income Need Standards

AFDC Group Size	Income Test 185% Need Standard	Income Test 100% Need Standard
1	608	329
2	843	456
3	1050	568
4	1230	665
5	1400	757
6	1542	834

For larger AFDC group size, see Eligibility Manual Section2-12, Page 12

#### II. Medicaid Eligibility Determination Information

Medicaid Children's Programs. Asset and Income Limits for HH Sizes of 1 or 2

Program Type	Asset Limits Income Limits		e Limits	
	HH of 1	HH of 2	HH of 1	HH of 2
Medicaid Basic Maintenance Program: <b>Child Only</b> FC-C	\$2000	\$3000	\$382	\$468
Poverty Level Program: <b>Newborn</b> (Age 0-5) & <b>PreNatal</b>	None	None	\$1141	\$1132
Poverty Level Program: <b>Newborn+</b> (6-19) &	\$2000	\$3000	\$851	\$1518

Medicaid Policy is available online at

http://utahcares.utah.gov/infosourcemedicaid/

Medicaid Income Table VII is available on the above link under "Tables"

#### III. IV-E Review Information

Foster Care Need Standard and IV-E Asset Standard for IV-E Eligibility Review

185% Foster Care Need Standard	IV-E Asset Standard
(for eligibility review of child's income)	(for eligibility review of child's assets)
\$1489 per month	\$10,000

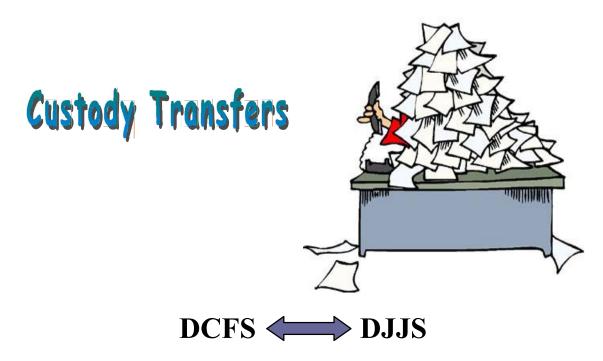
# IV-E Eligibility vs. Reimbursability Quick Reference

Quick Reference			
INITIAL ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION	CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION		
Initial IV-E Eligibility Factors	Continuing Eligibility Factors		
<ul> <li>Custody         <ul> <li>Court ordered custody, or</li> <li>Voluntary Placement Agreement, or</li> <li>Up front relinquishment</li> </ul> </li> <li>Removal         <ul> <li>Physical or constructive</li> </ul> </li> <li>Court Order Requirements         <ul> <li>Contrary to the welfare/best interest language in very first order</li> <li>Reasonable efforts to prevent removal language within 60 days</li> </ul> </li> <li>AFDC Requirements         <ul> <li>Age</li> <li>Citizenship/qualified alien</li> <li>Income of AFDC group</li> <li>Assets of AFDC group</li> <li>Deprivation in removal home</li> <li>Lived with caretaker relative losing custody w/in 6 mo of elig month</li> </ul> </li> <li>Initial IV-E Eligibility Placement         <ul> <li>Requirements</li> </ul> </li> <li>Qualified Placement         <ul> <li>Licensed foster family home (non-kin)</li> <li>Licensed group home/residential facility (public facility, max 25 beds)</li> <li>Kin foster home, pending licensure</li> <li>No denial for runaway</li> <li>Criminal Background Screening (if applicable)</li> <li>Out of State Child Abuse checks (if applicable)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Care and Placement Responsibility         <ul> <li>No court ordered placement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Court ordered custody, or</li> <li>Voluntary Placement Agreement &amp; court order with best interest language by 181st day, or</li> <li>Up front relinquishment &amp; court order with best interest language within 6 months</li> <li>Court Order Requirements</li> <li>Reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan/12 months</li> <li>AFDC Requirements</li> <li>Age</li> <li>Citizenship/qualified alien</li> <li>Income of child</li> <li>Assets of child</li> <li>Deprivation in removal home</li> <li>Qualified Placement</li> <li>Licensed foster family home (non-kin)</li> <li>Licensed group home/residential facility (public facility, max 25 beds)</li> <li>Kin foster home, pending licensure</li> <li>Criminal Background Screening (if applicable)</li> <li>Out of State child abuse checks (if applicable)</li> <li>Care and Placement Responsibility</li> <li>No court ordered placement</li> <li>Runaway child eligible if custody retained and other factors met</li> <li>Trial home placement not eligible but can regain for up to 6 months (unless court ordered longer)</li> </ul>		
Factors to make child who is IV-E eligible and who meets placement requirements NOT IV-E Reimbursable	Factors to make child who is IV-E eligible and who meets placement requirements NOT IV-E Reimbursable		
<ul> <li>SSI recipient</li> <li>Placement with kin, pending licensure as foster family home</li> <li>Runaway foster child</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SSI recipient</li> <li>Placement with kin, pending licensure as foster family home</li> <li>Runaway foster child</li> </ul>		

# **Eligibility Review Checklist**

<b>Documentation</b>			
☐ 61 FC, Foster Care Review/Recertification Form received and date stamped			
☐ Court Orders			
☐ Reasonable Efforts to Finalize Pe	rmanency Language within 12 months		
☐ Court Order with BI/CW languag	e by 181 <sup>st</sup> day		
(NA unless voluntary placement)			
Court Order with BI/CW languag (voluntary relinquishment only)	e within 6 months of entry into care		
Determination			
☐ Eligibility Review form complete and s	ianed		
IV-E Cases	Non IV-E Cases		
☐ Continued State custody	☐ Continued State custody		
Continued Deprivation	☐ Child's Income		
☐ Placement Licensure	☐ Child's Assets		
☐ Child's Income	☐ Foster Care Maintenance Payment		
☐ Child's Assets	Ž		
All Ca	ses		
☐ SAFE/CARE Eligibility Entry complet	e, including notes		
☐ PACMIS Entry complete including CA	☐ PACMIS Entry complete including CAAL		
☐ Print CAP2, SAFE and/or CAAL log for Case File			
☐ Add Review Information to Case File			
☐ Update Case Lists as needed			
<b>Notification</b>			
☐ Notify necessary parties of any IV-E/M	ledicaid eligihility changes		





- State custody often transfers within state agencies. DCFS, DJJS and DHS are all possible custodial agencies.
- Case management responsibility is determined by the custodial agency and in DHS custody cases, the agreement between the respective agencies.
- The court may transfer custody between agencies. For eligibility purposes this is a continuous custody episode.
- Eligibility case management is with the agency assigned case management responsibility.
- The agency where custody originates keeps the original eligibility documentation.
- A complete copy of the eligibility record must be sent to the new eligibility worker.
- The original eligibility record will be maintained in the agency where custody originated.
- Complete an eligibility review prior to case transfer. Make necessary adjustments to the eligibility record for prior months as needed. Document this review in SAFE, CARE and PACMIS as needed.
- Payment history review and necessary corrections should be completed prior to case transfer.
- A foster child does not lose FC Medicaid eligibility because the custodial agency changes. The Medicaid case should not be closed unless the child is not eligible for another reason.
- Complete electronic case transfer (carc) to the new eligibility worker in PACMIS.

# **Case Transfer Checklist**

<u>Docun</u>	<u>nentation</u>		
Notification of custody transfer to another state agency			
	☐ SCF SAFE closure		
	☐ Court order transferring custody		
	☐ Other agencies' notification		
	☐ Caseworker notification		
Deterr	nination		
	Review Form complete and signed		
	IV-E Cases	Non IV-E Cases	
	Continued Deprivation	☐ Child's Income	
	Placement Licensure verified	☐ Child's Assets	
	Child's Income	☐ Foster Care Maintenance Payment	
	Child's Assets		
_	All Case	S	
	Payment History reviewed for discrepance	ies	
	SAFE/CARE Eligibility Entry updated as		
	PACMIS Entry complete? (It is not necessa	,	
	transferring to another agency).	y to crose me 1 % meneuta case men	
	CARC PACMIS Case		
	Print CAP2, SAFE and or CAAL Log for	Case File	
	☐ File Documentation in Case File		
	☐ Update Case Lists as necessary		
_	- F		
Eligibi	ility File		
	ransfers to another State Agency	Interagency transfers	
	Copy the complete eligibility record	☐ Send the original eligibility record	
	forward the copy of the record to	to the new eligibility worker	
the new eligibility worker			
	DCFS only-Eligibility File to the		
	nily Case File		



# **Case Closure Checklist**

Documentation  ☐ Notification of custody termination ☐ SCF SAFE Closure Notice ☐ Court Order terminating custod ☐ Caseworker Notification	ly		
<b>Determination</b>			
☐ Review/case closure form complete a	and signed		
IV-E Cases	Non IV-E Cases		
Continued Deprivation	☐ Child's Income		
☐ Child's Income	☐ Child's Assets		
☐ Placement Licensure verified	☐ Foster Care Maintenance Payment		
All Cases			
☐ Payment History reviewed for discre	pancies		
☐ SAFE/CARE Eligibility Entry compl	☐ SAFE/CARE Eligibility Entry complete, including notes		
□ PACMIS Entry for Medicaid closure complete, including CAAL log			
☐ PACMIS Closure Notice sent			
☐ Print CAP2, SAFE and/or CAAL Log for case file			
☐ File Documentation in Case File			
☐ Update Case Lists as necessary			
Case File			

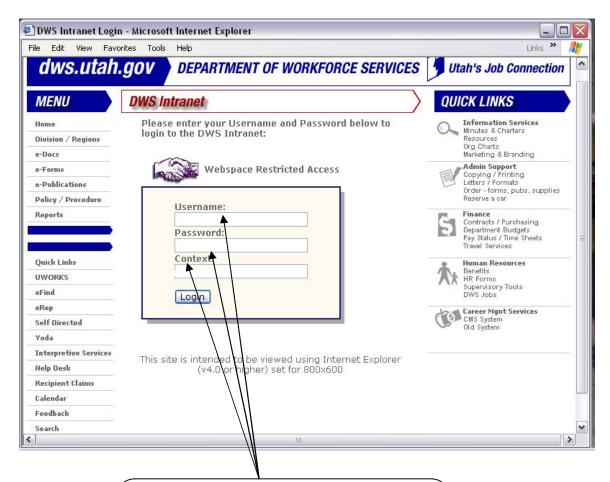


☐ DCFS only-Eligibility file to family case file

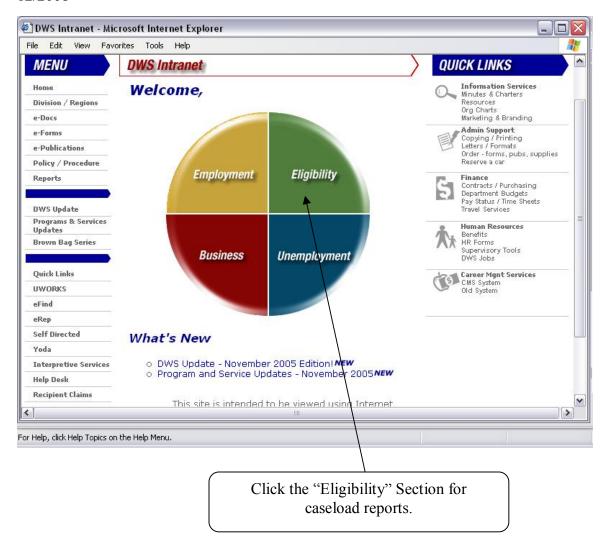


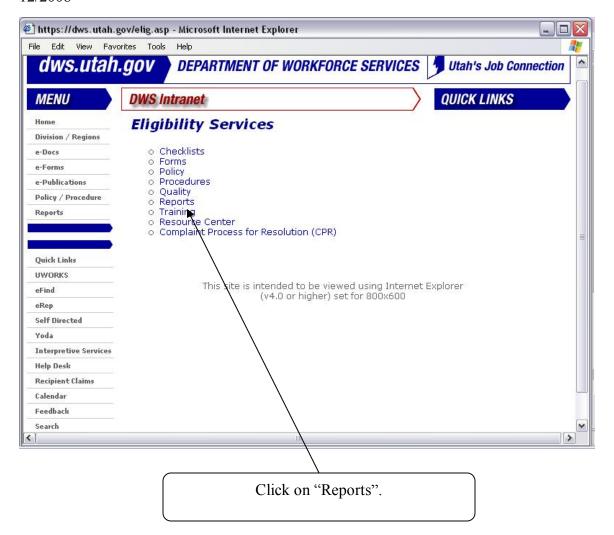
#### **DWS** Intranet

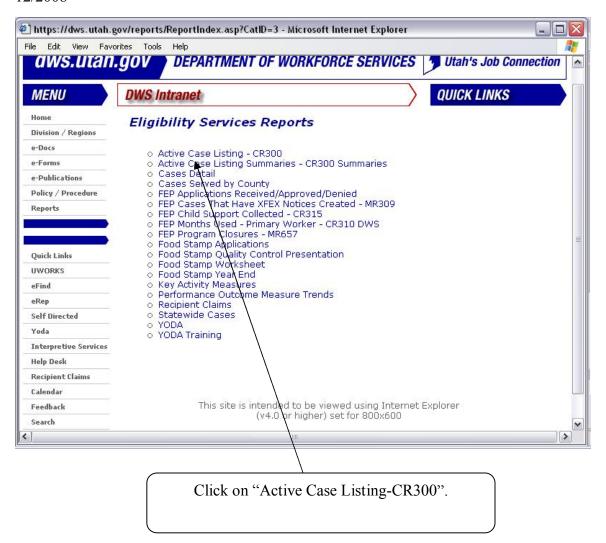
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The information needed is your LAN username, password and context. Your LAN person can help with this if needed. After you have logged in once, the context information will be displayed at the next log on.









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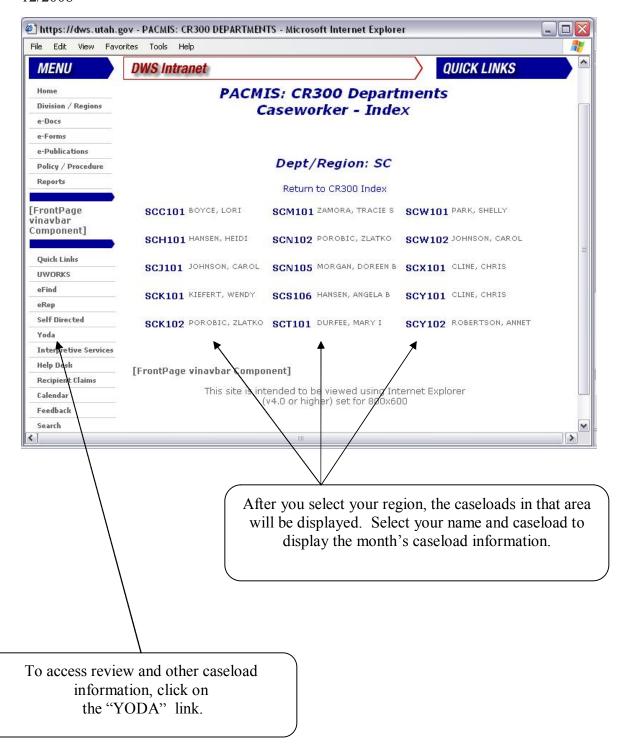
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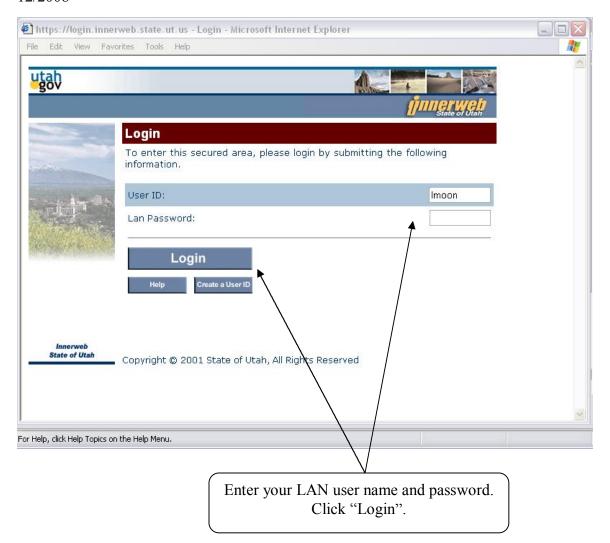
**DHS Eastern=Eastern** 

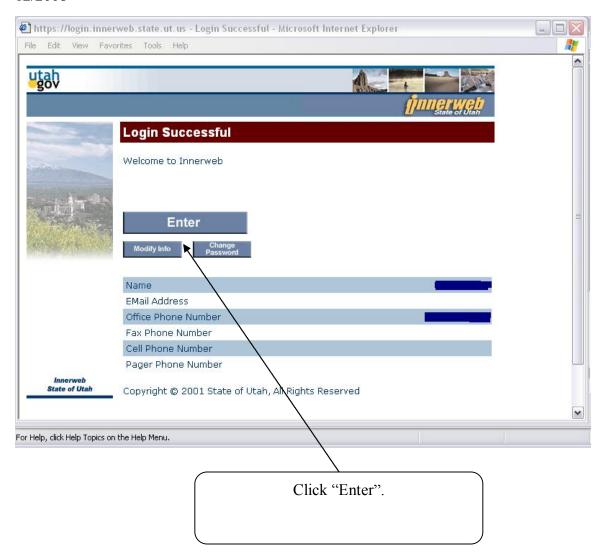
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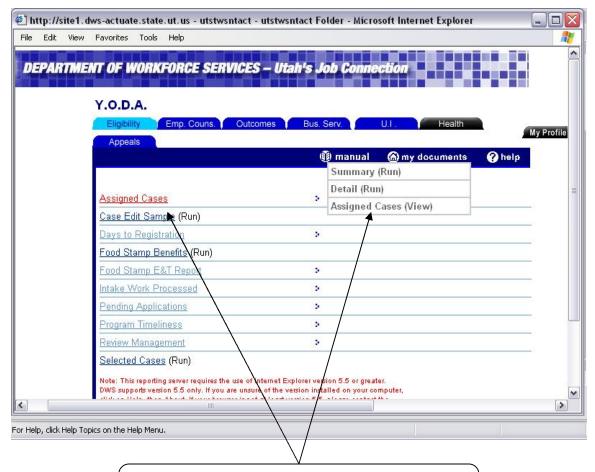
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**DHS Southern=Southwest** 

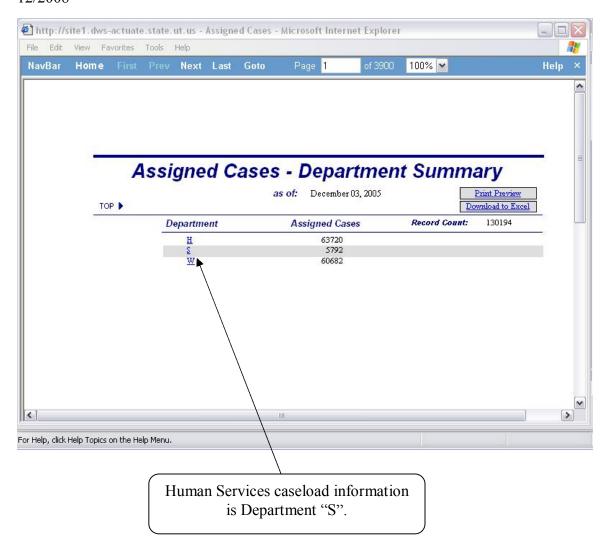


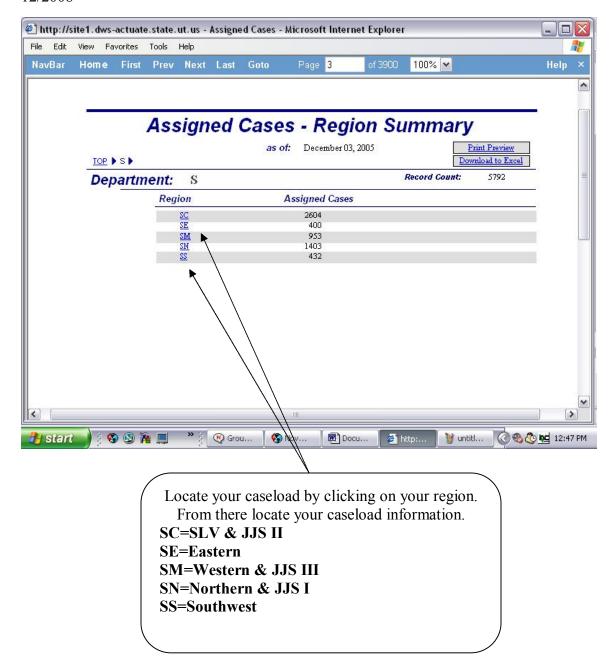


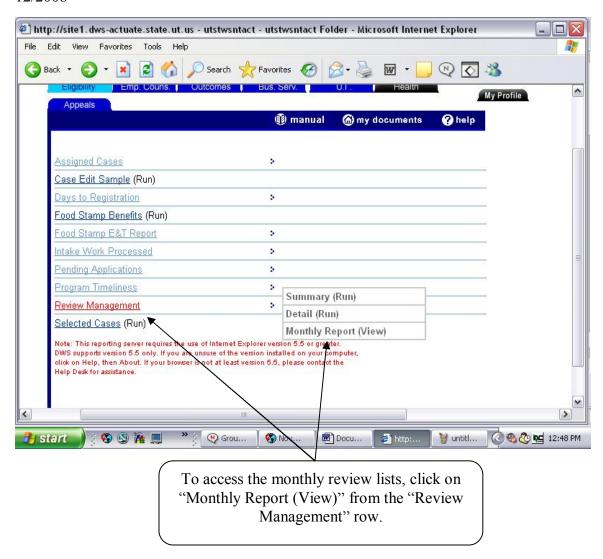


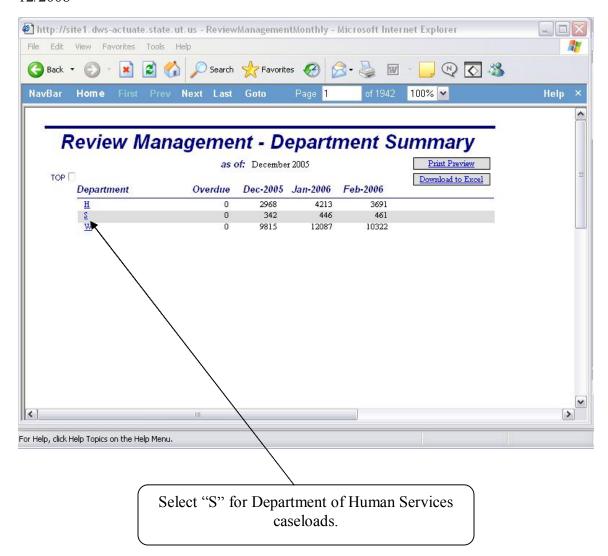


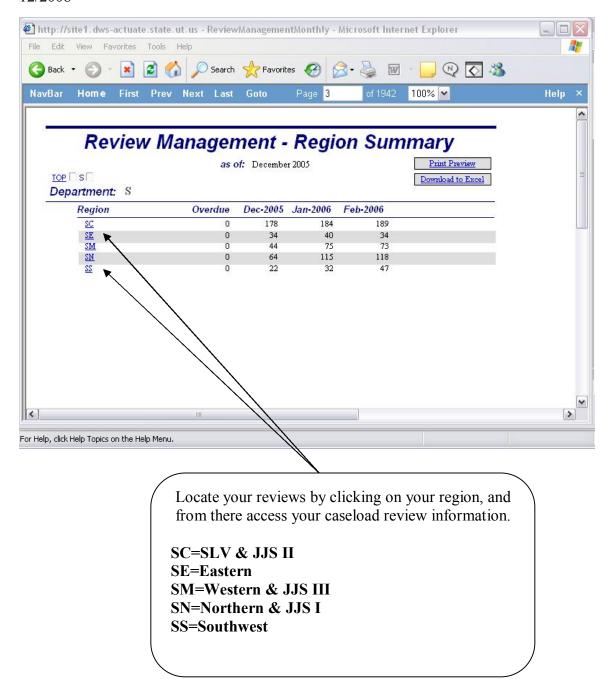
To access your caseload click, "Assigned Cases (View)" from the "Assigned Cases" row.



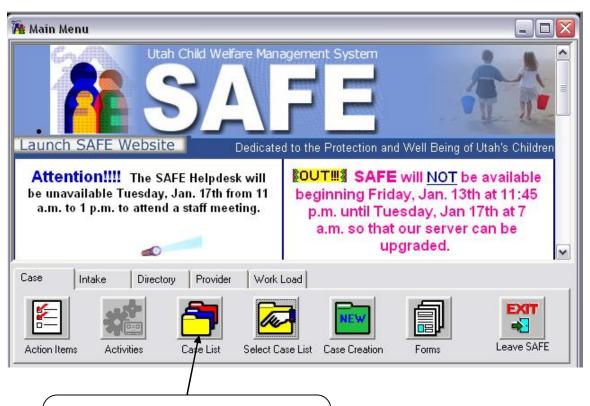






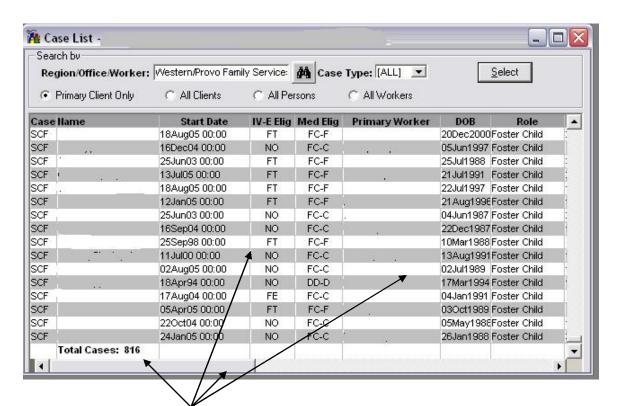


#### **SAFE Case Lists**



Select "Case List" from the SAFE Main Menu to display your assigned case list.

#### **Case List Display**



#### **Information from Case List**

**Case Name** 

Case Type

**Start Date** 

**Primary Worker** 

**Eligibility** 

**Total Cases Assigned** 

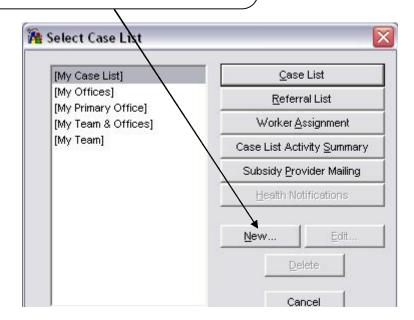
More columns and information available by using the scroll bar at the bottom of the screen.

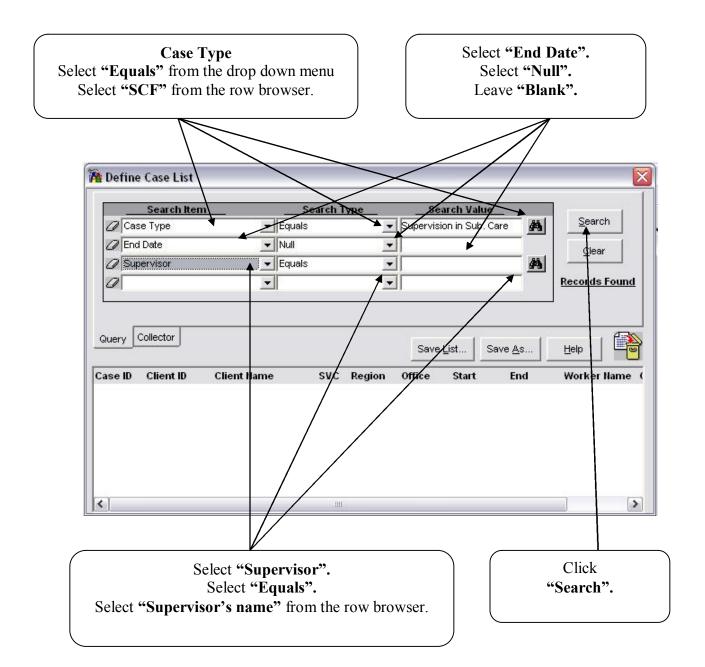
#### **Using the SAFE Case List to Find New Cases**

From the Main Menu - 'SELECT CASE LIST.'

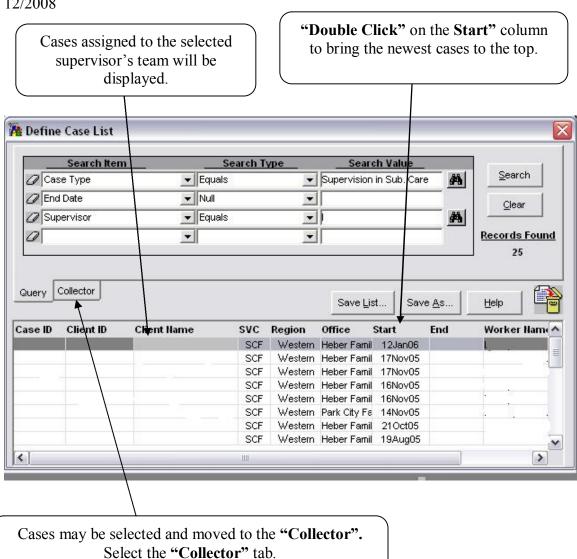


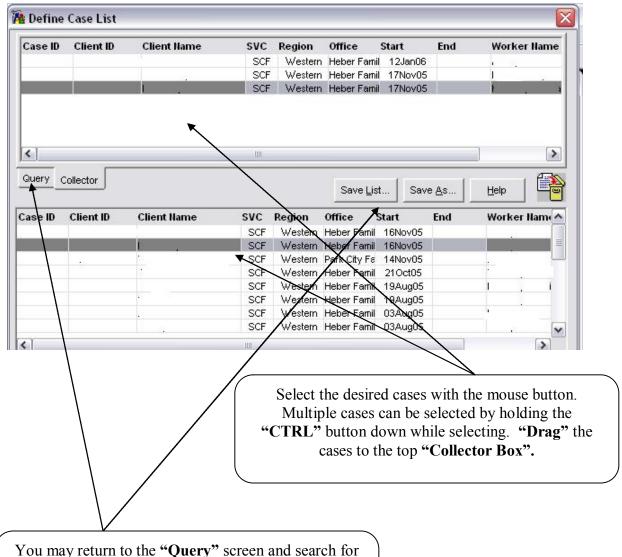
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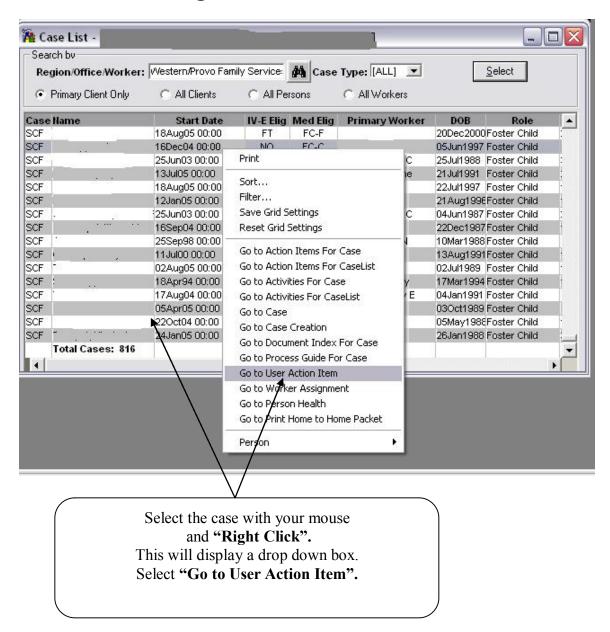
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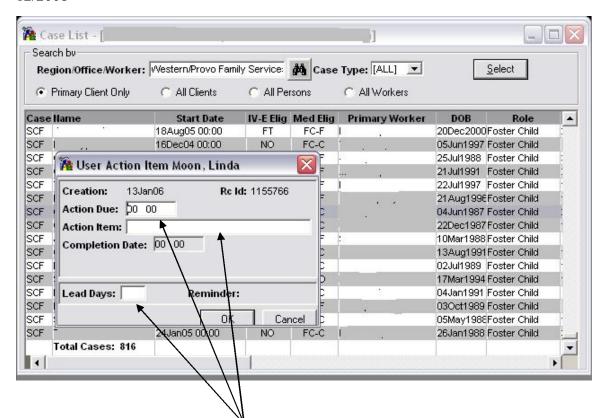




You may return to the "Query" screen and search for other team lists. Once you have the desired lists collected in the "Collector Box" you may "Save" the list or "Print" by clicking the right mouse button.

### **Using User Action Items in SAFE**





Enter "Action Due" date. Enter "Action Item".

Enter "Lead Day" if you want SAFE to remind you prior to the due date.

The "Action Item" will appear on the due date. It will be listed in the Notifications when you log into SAFE.

When the "Action Item" appears and you have completed the task, "Double Click", enter a "Completion Date", then "Click OK".

If you don't enter a "Completion Date" and simply clear the "Action Item" the item will remain in the case and the caseworker will be unable to close the SCF case.

## How Can I Get the Court Orders?

- Warrant, petition and shelter orders should be included with the IV-E/Medicaid application, but what do I do if it is missing?
  - **X** Set the application aside and hope the court orders show up sometime soon.

### OR

- **★** Contact the caseworker, assistant caseworker, AG and/or court clerk.
- What about review, permanency and TPR court orders?
  - X Set the review aside and hope the court order shows up sometime.

### OR

**✗** Notify caseworker, assistant caseworker or AG.



# What if the Court Orders are Missing the Required IV-E Language?

### Custody

- Contact the assigned caseworker.
- Contact the AG.

### **Best Interest**

\* Warrant.

Warrants are often written and issued in two parts. Make sure you have the *Warrant* and also the *Order Issuing the Warrant*. The *Order Issuing the Warrant* most often will contain the Best Interest Language.

- Shelter Order. Contact the AG and request a copy of the CD from the hearing.
- Other Initial Custody Orders. Contact the AG or Court Clerk and request a CD from the hearing.

No Amended Orders for Best Interest Language.

### Reasonable Efforts

**❖** Warrant.

Look for other Court Orders issued within 60 days of removal.

**Shelter Order.** 

Look for other Court Orders issued within 60 days of removal. There are usually three court hearings held within the first 60 days; Shelter Hearing, Pre-Trial Hearing and Adjudication Hearing. If 60 days have not elapsed since removal, notify the caseworker and AG.

**\*** Other Custody Orders.

Look for other Court Orders issued within 60 days from removal. There are usually three court hearings held within the first 60 days, a Shelter Hearing, a Pre-Trial Hearing and an Adjudication Hearing. If 60 days have not elapsed since removal, notify the caseworker and AG.

**Permanency Orders.** 

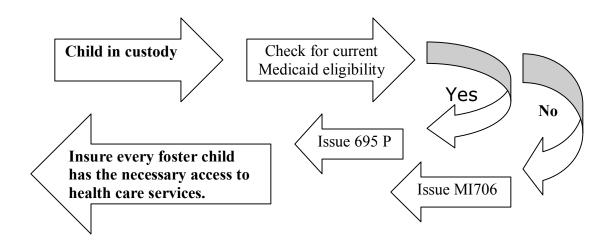
Check the case file for other orders that may have the necessary language. Contact the caseworker and AG.

Amended Orders are okay, but the judge must sign the within 60 days of removal for initial Reasonable Efforts. For Amended Orders use the judges signature date as the effective date for eligibility.

## **Initial Custody Tracking**

### **Purpose:**

Eligibility workers should be aware of every child ordered into State custody. Each new case should be identified as quickly as possible. Tracking of each case will insure that an initial eligibility determination is completed in a timely manner.



### **Process:**

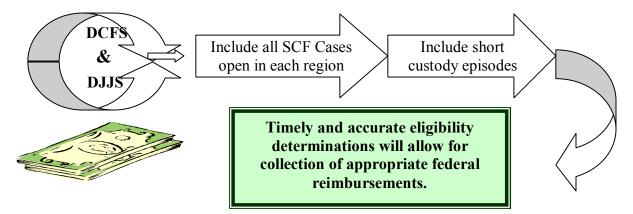
Examples of ways to get information about a child who has been ordered into custody are listed below.

DCFS	JJS
24 hour meeting notices	PSC from case manager
Daily shelter lists	CARE list/DT hearing list
Multi agency reports	Notification from techs
Weekly e-mails to supervisors, nurses,	Weekly e-mails to case managers
caseworkers and senior assistant	
caseworkers	
Phone calls	Phone calls
SAFE case lists	Court orders
SAFE activity logs	
Court orders	

### **Tracking from Custody Start Date to Determination**

### **Purpose:**

To develop a process for tracking cases from the time of SCF start date until initial determination has been made and entered into SAFE, CARE and PACMIS.



**Methods of Tracking** 

ACTION	PROGRAM	RESULTS
Secondary Worker	SAFE	Eligibility worker will
assignment		receive notification of
*see SAFE section for		ongoing case activity. This
instructions		includes placement changes
		and custody termination.
Weekly e-mail	Groupwise	Supervisors and
*see examples		caseworkers will be notified
		of a pending case assigned
		to them on a regular basis.
Pending Case Lists	Excel, Work, Access,	Eligibility worker will have
* see examples	Query 6	a list of current pending
		cases.
MI-706 extensions		Requests from caseworker
		or health care team allow
		eligibility worker to obtain
		an update on the application
		status.
New 695 P		Requests from caseworker
		or health care team allow
		eligibility worker to obtain
		an update on the application
		status.

### **Pending List**

This list is sent by e-mail each week to management, caseworkers and senior assistant caseworker.

### **EXAMPLE**:

Here is the pending list for the week of January 4, 2005. Cases in red have been pending for more than 30 days and need to be turned in.

- 1. Mickey Mouse, Arlene Macanas & Jenette Dazley, Oct 14
- 2. Minnie Mouse, Arlene Macanas & Jenette Dazley, Oct 14
- 3. Daisy Duck, Jacque Burks & Jill Johnson, Nov 3
- 4. Huckleberry Hound, Bill Duncan & Charlene Nelson, Nov 16
- 5. Yogi Bear, Tom Hess & Donna Crawford, Nov 18
- 6. Belle Starr, Tom Hess & Donna Crawford, Nov 18
- 7. Jiminy Cricket, Adrienne Sotoya & Melanie Norris, Nov 22

Please remember while IV-E/Medicaid application is pending these children will need to be covered by an MI706 or 695 P at the request of the caseworker. Also please remember to send a copy of the warrant, shelter hearing court order and petition along with the application. If a custody episode is terminated, the application process still needs to be completed.

### **Initiate Getting Information**



### **Necessary Information**

- 1. IV-E/Medicaid application, completed and signed by caseworker.
- 2. All relevant court orders.
  - Warrant and affidavit for warrant.
  - Petition.
  - Shelter order.
  - Review/custody order.
- 3. Birth/Citizenship verification (if child was not born in Utah).
- 4. Social Security Number.
- 5. Parent Income/Asset declaration or other documentation of income and assets of the AFDC group.

Whenever possible, determinations should be completed within 30 days of custody start date.



## **DCFS** Checklist

## Checklist of what is needed to turn in an application

<u>CPS</u>	
	<b>Application is accurately filled out (questions 1-8)</b>
	Warrant
	Petition
	Shelter Order
	Birth Verification
	Social Security Verification
<b>SCF</b>	
	<b>Application is accurately filled out (questions 8-on)</b>
	Parent Income/Asset Declaration completed
	Placement History
	Any other needed verifications

<sup>\*\*</sup>Checklist can be given to caseworkers and senior assistant caseworkers.

### **DJJS Checklist**

### **DJJS CASE INFORMATION CHECKLIST**

In order to make accurate and timely Title IV-E and Medicaid determinations, we must have copies or originals of the following documents:

All court orders pertaining to current custody episode
 (including petition date)
 61FC (application for FC/IV-E Medicaid)
 Parent Income/Asset Declaration Form (completed and signed by parent/s who lost custody)
 Placement history for this custody episode (including PSC)
 Birth Verification (include place of birth)
 Social Security Card (or number if card not available)
 Medical Insurance Cards (copies of both front and back)

 Medical Insurance Provider
 Policy Holder
 Policy #

 Dental Insurance Provider
 Policy #
 Policy Holder
 Policy #

Names of all persons covered under insurance:

<sup>\*\*</sup>Checklist can be given to caseworkers.

# Are "You" Doing All You Can?

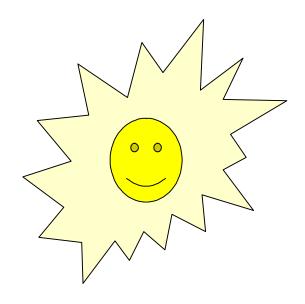
### What more can I do?!?!

- ✓ E-mail the caseworker a reminder to include a request that the court make the "RE" finding in their court reports.
- ✓ Track the date the permanency orders are due for all IV-E cases.
- ✓ Review all the court orders for "RE" language.
- ✓ Close the IV-E Eligibility in SAFE if the "RE" language is not received by the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> month.
- ✓ E-mail AG's to alert them of the need for an order with "RE" language.
- ✓ Enlist the help of others. Let the State office, Supervisors and Administration know how they can help.
- ✓ Make phone calls to workers, AG's and court clerks if necessary.
- ✓ Set alerts in SAFE or PACMIS when orders are due.
- ✓ Remember runaways and foster children placed out of state need permanency orders for IV-E eligibility to continue. Don't forget to review these cases.



### **Tracking Methods**

Excel Spreadsheets CARE SAFE Notifications PACMIS alerts E-mails



# A Caseworker's Guide to the Application

### **APPLICATION**

Title IV-E and Medicaid for Foster Child

Eligibility worker will date stamp here

Application Date!

**Child in Custody Information** 

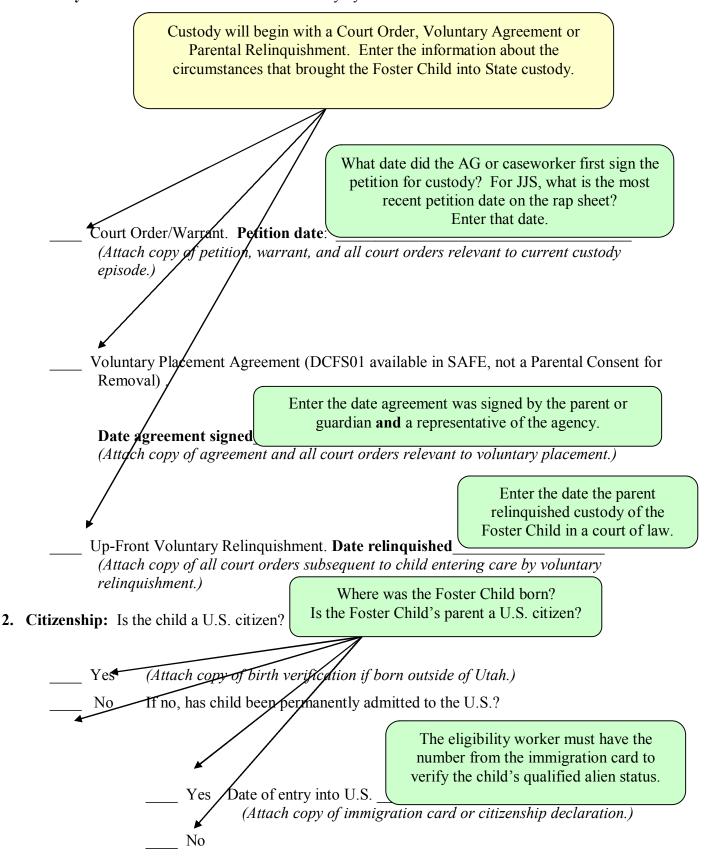
Name of Child (last, first, middle)  Enter the Foster Child's last name.	Social Security Number Enter the Foster Child's Social Security Number. Required for Medicaid Eligibility.	Date of Birth Enter the Foster Child's date of birth.	ID# Enter the Foster Child's HLCI. SAFE and PACMIS will have this information.
Current Placement Address: (street, city, state,	County	Telephone #	
<ul> <li>Enter the Foster Child's current plac</li> <li>✓ Foster Parent's Name.</li> <li>✓ Physical address (where the foste</li> <li>✓ Mailing address (if different than</li> </ul>	Enter the County where the Foster Child is residing.	Enter the Foster Parent's phone number.	

### **Caseworker Information**

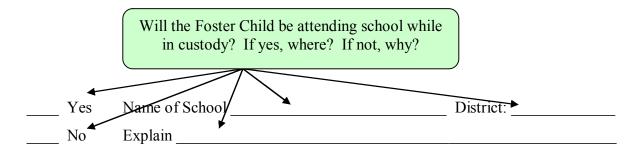
Worker Name	Office
Who is the current Foster Care Caseworker? Enter that information here.	What office is the Foster Care Caseworker located in? Enter that information here.
Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip)  Enter the mailing address information for the Foster Care Caseworker.	Telephone # Enter the Foster Care Caseworker's phone number.

The above information must be provided so the Medicaid cards and notices will be mailed to the correct people and addresses.

1. Custody: The child entered State/Tribal custody by:



**3. Student:** Is the child a full-time student?



4. Ethnic Background: What is the child's ethnic background? (Check One)

American Indian	
Asian/Pacific Islander	Which ethnicity is most appropriate?
Black/Non Hispanic	
Hispanic	
White/Non Hispanic	
Other	

**5. Removal Home:** Who lost custody of the child by court order or who voluntarily placed the child into care (i.e., who was responsible for the child's ongoing care upon entry into foster care)? **This is the removal home for eligibility purposes.** 

Did the parent lose custody?

Did another caretaker relative lose custody?

Who is the person that lost custody of the Foster Child?

How are they related to the Foster Child?

When did the Foster Child last live with the person losing custody?

Phone #:

Relationship to Child

Last Date Child Lived With

The person losing custody is not always the person that the Foster Child was living with at the time of custody was given to the State. Accurate information about who lost custody is vital to the IV-E Eligibility determination process.

### 6. Removal Home Household Members: List household members in the removal home.

If removal home in #5 above was the home of **parents**, include the foster child, parents (including stepparent), and the child's siblings under age 18. If removal home was the home of a **relative other than parents**, include only the foster child and the child's siblings under age 18 living in the home. If removal home was the home of a **non-relative**, include the foster child only.

If the person losing custody is a parent, complete this section as shown below.

Name	Relationship to Child	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
(Foster Child)  Name of Foster Child	Self		
Mother or Father or Both	Mother or Father or Both		Social Security
(which parent(s) were living in			Numbers for
the same home with the Foster			parents are
Child prior to custody)			important in order
			to obtain accurate
			income
			verification.
Stepparent (if applicable)	Stepfather or Stepmother		Social Security
			Numbers for
			stepparents are
			important in order
			to obtain accurate
			income
			verification.
Siblings (list all)	Sibling, Half-sibling, Step-	Birthdates are	
	Sibling, Adoptive Sibling	important to	
		help determine	
		the age of the	
		sibling.	

List additional household members in the Notes section at the end of the application.

If the person losing custody is a caretaker relative, other than the parent, or a non-relative; complete this section as shown below.

Name	Relationship to Child	Date of Birth	Social Security Number
(Foster Child)  Name of Foster Child	Self		
Any Sibling living in the same home as the Foster Child at the time the process to remove the child from the home began.	Sibling, Half-sibling, Adoptive Sibling.	Birthdates are important to help determine the age of the sibling.	

List additional household members in the Notes section at the end of the application.

**7. Stepparent's Children:** If a stepparent is a member of the removal household, indicate the number of the stepparent's children who are under age 18 and <u>not</u> siblings of the foster child:

How many children does the Stepparent have who are not related by blood to the Foster Child?

Where do those children live?
Does the Stepparent pay child support?

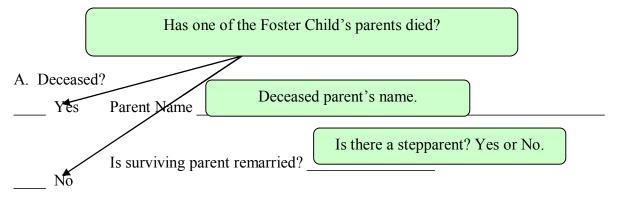
Number stepparent children living in the removal home plus number of stepparent children living outside of the removal home for whom no child support is being paid.

Number stepparent children living outside of the removal home for whom child support is being paid.

Amount of child support paid monthly

How much?

**8. Deprivation:** At the time of the petition, was one (or both) of the child's parents/stepparents:

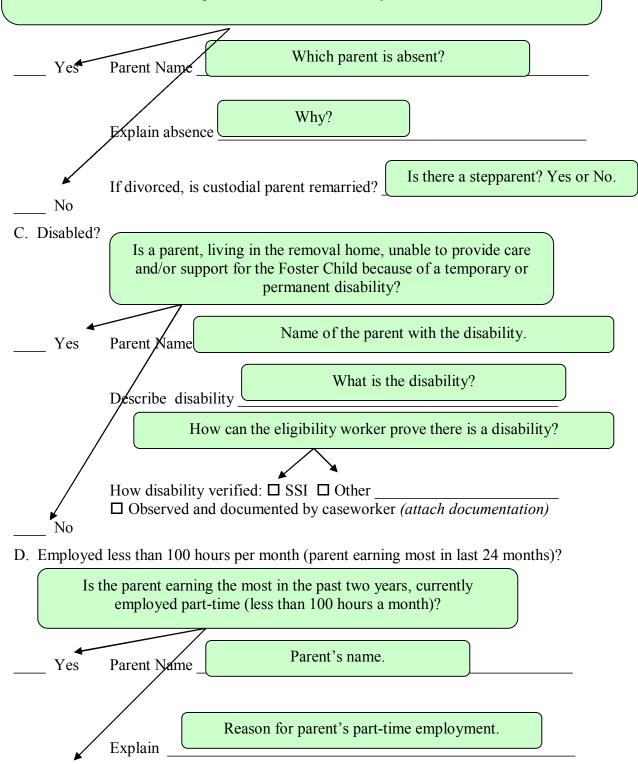


### B. Continually absent from the **removal home** (listed in #5 above)?

Is the removal home a single parent household?

Are the parent's divorced, separated, living apart?

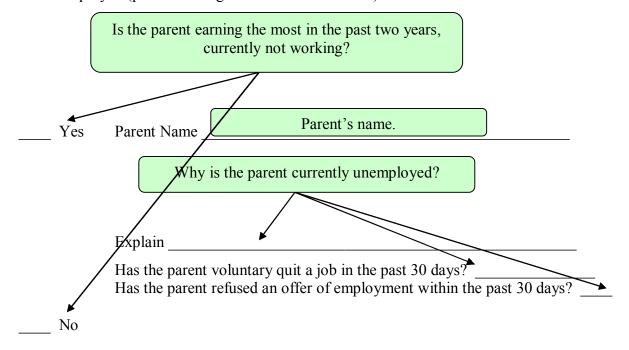
If the Foster Child were removed from a caretaker relative other than the parent, both parents would be continually absent.



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No

E. Unemployed (parent earning most in last 24 months)?



**9. Earned Income:** List income from working or self-employment for each member of the removal home **including the foster child**. *If none, specify NONE*.

### Remember. You only need this information for persons included in the removal home.

Are the parent's working?

Have you called them at a work phone number?

Please include **any** information you have about the parent's employment status.

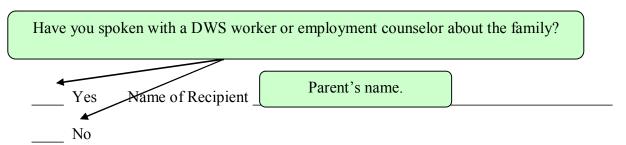
Enter NONE if there is no earned income. DO NOT ENTER "NA".

Full Name	Employer Name and Address	Weekly	Hourly	Gross Monthly
	Address	Hours	Rate of	Income
			Pay	
<b>k</b>	+			

**10. Unearned Income:** Check type and list unearned income in the spaces below for each member of the removal home **including the foster child**. *If none, specify NONE*.

Remember. You only need this information for persons included in the removal home.  Include any information you have about unearned income.  If a parent is deceased, are there SSA benefits being paid to the family?  If the parents are divorced, is there alimony or child support being paid?  Think about how the family is paying the rent, buying groceries, and other necessities.  Enter NONE if there is no unearned income. DO NOT ENTER "NA".						
□ Social Sectirity (SSA) □ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) □ Veteran's Benefits □ Unemployment Benefits □ Child Support □ Pension/Retirement □ Property Rental □ Dividends (Stocks/Bonds) □ Tribal Funds □ Other (specify)						
Full Name	Type of Income	How Often Received	Amount			

11. Financial Assistance: Is anyone in the removal household receiving financial assistance (FEP) issued through the Department of Workforce Services?



The FEP payments received by a family are not countable income, but it helps the eligibility worker show how the family is providing for their needs.

<b>12.</b>	Additional	Assistanc	e: Is anyone in	n the r	emoval	home receiving	g any non-cash	support tha	t the
indiv	vidual <u>worke</u>	ed to earn (	such as food,	shelte	r, rent o	r utility payme	nts, or clothing	) from com	munity
orga	nizations, ch	urches, fri	iends or relativ	es?	Yes	No			

Did a parent or other member of the removal household, work for someone who paid the rent or utilities, or someone who bought food or clothing?

This information can help the eligibility worker show how the family was providing for their needs.

If yes, list the kind of support, sourge of support, and value below:

Kind of Support		Source of Support	Monthly Amount/Value
	*	*	

**13. Dependent Care Expenses:** List costs of day care required due to employment of any household members of the removal home (and not paid to a household member).

Are the parents paying for day care while they are working?
Are they paying someone outside the removal household?
How many children did they pay day care costs for?
How old are these children?

Number of children under age 2	<b>×</b>	Total monthly cost	\$
Number of children age 2 or over		Total monthly cost	\$

Some day care costs are allowable deductions when determining IV-E Eligibility.

<b>14. Assets/Accoun</b> members from the re						
☐ Savings Acc ☐ Checking A	count	☐ IRA/Keogh☐ Stocks/Bon	n/401K	ا ہر	☐ Trust Fund ☐ Money Market C	
	What t	type of financial r  E if there are no r	esource	s does the	family have?	
Name of Owner(s) J	Joint Acct F	Financial Institution	Tuna	of Account	Account	Account Balance
Name of Owner(s)	Yes/No	manciai mstitution	Nype (	Account	Number	Account balance
				*		
15. Assets/Motor V by household member. Y	You only ne	removal home, in	ion for	g the foste persons in	r child. If none,	, specify NONE.
	Ha provide any	s the family own a tive you seen the p What is the y information that E if there are no v	estimat you ma	driving a v ed value? ny have abo	ehicle? out the family ve	
□ Car □ Boat □ Motorcycle □ Snowmobile □ Truck/Van □ Motor Home □ ATV □ Other □						
Name of Owner()	Vehicle Type	Make/Mode	1	Licensed Yes/No	Current Value	Amount Owed

**16. Assets/Personal Property:** Check type and list information in the spaces below for personal property owned by household members from the removal home, **including the foster child**. *If none, specify NONE*.

Remember. You only need this information for persons included in the removal home.  Does the family have any other assets?  What is the estimated value?  Enter NONE if there are no other assets. DO NOT ENTER "NA".				
☐ Home (not living in) ☐ Mineral Rights/Land ☐ Time Share Condo ☐ Other ☐ Whole Life Insurance ☐ Livestock ☐ Funeral Plans (not plots)				
Name of Owner(s)	Type of Property	Market Value	Amount Owed	Equity/Cash Value

17. Placement History: List information in spaces below regarding all placements for the foster child since entering this episode of custody.

This custody episode only. It is important to know when a placement is in a kinship home. Provider Address Placement Placement Is this a Provider Name \*Fully Type (foster, and Removal kinship Licensed Dates (if group, placement Yes/No applicable) residential, Yes/No etc.) How related?

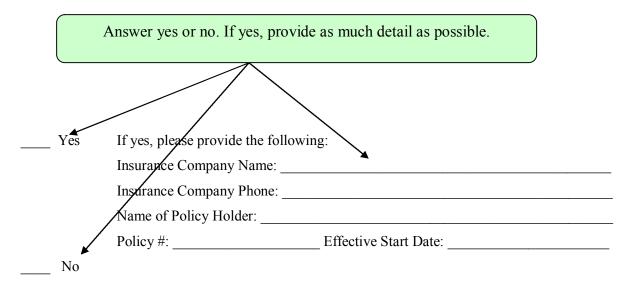
<sup>\*</sup>Not conditional or pending

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# 18. Health Insurance: Is the child covered by any health insurance through the child's parents or stepparents?

		covered by health insurance through the employment of one or both of the pare ase provide as much detail as possible about this health insurance.
	Yes	If yes, please provide the following:
		Insurance Company Name:
		Insurance Company Phone:
	/	Name of Policy Holder:
	/	
		Policy #: Effective Start Date:
		Policy #: Effective Start Date:  ne child been injured in an accident or assault for which the child is or will be
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Accidenteiving me	nt: Has thedical tre	Policy #: Effective Start Date:  ne child been injured in an accident or assault for which the child is or will be eatment?  Answer yes or no. If yes, provide as much detail as possible.  If yes, please provide the following:  Name of Injured Child:

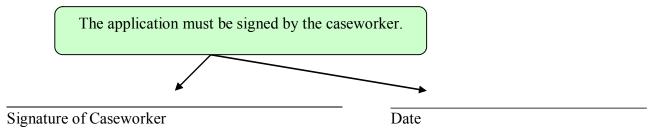
20. Other Responsible Party: Is any other person providing medical insurance for the child?



21. Major Medical Need: Does the child have both a major medical need and either (1) Insurance available that the parents have not purchased, or (2) Insurance that has terminated within the past 60 days?

	Answer yes or no. If yes, provide as much detail as possible.
	Yes If yes, please provide the following.
	Insurance Company Name:
	Insurance Company Phone:
	Name of Policy Holder:
	Policy #: Effective Start Date:
	No
Notes	

I certify that the child, on whose behalf I am applying, is a U.S. citizen or alien in lawful immigration status (unless specified otherwise on the application). Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain accurate information for this application, and to the best of my knowledge the information is correct.



# Completing the Caseworker Review Form.

A Foster Care IV-E/Medicaid Review must be completed each year as long as the Foster Child remains in State custody. The reviews must be completed and returned to the eligibility worker in a timely manner for the IV-E/Medicaid Benefits to continue without interruption.

### Part A

Foster Child's name, placement, caseworker and caseworker address will pre-print with the current PACMIS information. Please note any changes.

### Part B

- 1. **Student-** Foster child must be under age 18, or 18 and will graduate from high school or technical school before age 19 for IV-E eligibility to continue. A Foster Child's Medicaid eligibility can continue until age 19 regardless of student status, if all the other requirements for Foster Care Medicaid eligibility are met.
- 2. **Deprivation-** Who lost custody of the Foster Child? Answer the deprivation questions as they apply the removal home. If parental rights have been terminated, include a copy of the TPR order with the review form.
- 3. **Assets/Accounts-** Foster Child only. Current PACMIS information will be pre-printed. Answer, "yes" if the information that is pre-printed is correct. Answer "no" and enter the correct information if there is a discrepancy.
- 4. **Assets/Motor Vehicles-** Foster Child only. Current PACMIS information will be preprinted. Answer, "yes" if the information that is pre-printed is correct. Answer "no" and enter the correct information if there is a discrepancy.
- 5. **Assets/Personal Property** Foster Child only. Current PACMIS information will be pre-printed. Answer, "yes" if the information that is pre-printed is correct. Answer "no" and enter the correct information if there is a discrepancy.
- 6. **Earned Income-** Foster Child only. Current PACMIS information will be pre-printed. Answer, "yes" if the information that is pre-printed is correct. Answer "no" and enter the correct information if there is a discrepancy.
- 7. **Unearned Income** Foster Child only. Current PACMIS information will be preprinted. Answer, "yes" if the information that is pre-printed is correct. Answer "no" and enter the correct information if there is a discrepancy.
- 8. **Placement History** Complete for prior 12 months or attach a copy of SAFE placement history.
- 9. **Third Party Liability** Information about other medical insurance the Foster Child may be eligible for.

\*\*\*Signature of Caseworker- Make sure you sign the review form\*\*\*

# Tips To Avoid Duplicating Clients When Registering Or Adding Clients To Cases

When you INQUIRE ON A PERSON, you are searching the High Level Client Index (HLCI) to see if they already exist on either PACMIS, ORSIS, or USSDS. The amount of information you provide determines whether PACMIS conducts a broad or narrow search.

You begin the client inquiry from CLIR, CLIM, or CLIN. (CLIN only allows you to inquire. You can't create and add a new person.)

The broadest search is completed by entering only part of the client's surname. At least two characters must be entered. Enter "Y" after 'IF PARTIAL, ENTER "Y". When a search is done using a partial surname, PACMIS will display any names which begin with the letters entered. This type of search is helpful when inquiring on clients who have last names that could be spelled two different ways (Larson or Larsen). If you do a partial surname search on 'LARS' you will pull up both Larsen and Larson. It is important to check both spellings of a name when it can be spelled a couple of different ways. (Nelson, Nielson, Nielsen, Nielsen, or even Neilsen, etc.). A lot of duplicates are created when clients have these types of names.

A more narrow search can be completed if you enter the full surname. If this is done, PACMIS searches only the surname entered.

Both the partial and full surname search can be further narrowed if you enter a given name or first initial. Enter the full first name or a one letter initial to search for a specific client. If you enter more than one letter (such as 'SA' as a partial first name for 'SALLY'), PACMIS will treat the initials like a name and may tell you that there is no client with that name. The best search in these cases would be a either a partial or full surname, with the first initial. For example...If your client's name is Jon Walker, and you searched for JOHN WALKER, you would miss him on the HLCI. But, if you search for 'J Walker' you would get both spellings of JOHN and JON, and after checking Date of Birth and Social Security Number, you could choose the right client and not create a duplicate.

DO NOT INCLUDE MIDDLE INITIAL IN YOUR SEARCH!!!!!!!!!! Using the middle initial to search the HLCI with extremely narrows your search. It will only find a match if that person exists on the HLCI with their middle initial. For example...You are searching for John Doe. His middle initial is 'Q'. If you search for a John Q Doe, and, this person exists on the HLCI as 'John Doe', you will not match because PACMIS was also looking for the middle initial of 'Q'. But, should you determine that you DO need to create a new person, then you should include the middle initial. Middle initials are another piece of identifying information. Later on, should this client reapply, having this person on the HLCI with a middle initial will help ensure that you pick the right one. So, use middle initials when adding new clients to the HLCI, but, do not use middle initials when searching the HLCI.

IN ADDITION TO DOING A NAME SEARCH, YOU SHOULD ALSO SEARCH BY SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER!! When you search by SSN, PACMIS only looks for that number. If you couldn't find a client by doing a name search, searching by SSN may find the client you were looking for. They may be known to the HLCI by a maiden name, a hyphenated name, or one of those names that can be spelled several different ways..(Nelson, Nelsen, Nielsen, Nielson, Neilsen, - McDonald, Mc Donald, MacDonald, etc.).

If you search only by SSN, you may still have a duplicate client. It is very common for a SSN to be entered with transposed numbers. Please inquire by name, and SSN when registering applications and / or adding new clients to a case.

Do not include a client's birth date or age when searching. It is very common to have an incorrect birth date on the system. For example, they previously had a child care case and are on the HLCI through USSDS. They told their worker they were born in 1940. But, now they are applying for financial assistance. You have a birth certificate which shows they were really born in 1941. If you used the birth date, you would not find the client as the birth date is wrong on the HLCI.

When adding a new client to the HLCI, use these standards that have been established long ago. These will also help with client inquiry.

- 1. **Do not** use titles such as Dr. Mr. Ms. Rev., etc.
- 2. Spaces are **not** used in last names. For example, names like Mc Donald, Dela Cruz, St. James, Le Fevre, should be entered as MCDONALD, DELACRUZ, STJAMES, LEFEVRE.
- 3. **Do not** use periods or apostrophes. Names like ST. JAMES or O'REILEY should be entered as STJAMES and OREILEY.
- 4. Hyphenated last names are acceptable. But, be very cautious when inquiring on someone with a hyphenated last names such as SMITH-JONES (don't use spaces on either side of the '-'). If you are unable to find someone you are looking for, you may want to inquire under both SMITH and JONES as well as SMITH-JONES or even SMITH JONES.
- 5. Modifiers such as JR, SR or III, etc. are entered as part of the first name. For example, 'JOHN SMITH, JR.' is entered as SMITH as the last name, and JOHN JR as the first name.
- 6. For clients with initials beginning their names, enter the initial as the first character of the first name, then a space, and then the full middle name. For example, J. EDGAR HOOVER will have the last name as HOOVER, and the first name of 'J EDGAR'. Do not put anything in middle initial.
- 7. If the client uses a nickname (such as BOB or BILL) use their legal names of ROBERT or WILLIAM when adding a client. (If you are searching for a person who has a first name that could also have a nickname, you may want to search for all possibilities....BOB OR ROBERT, BILL OR WILLIAM.
- 8. If you find one member of a household, such as the mom, more times than not, the children are also known to the HLCI. We get a lot of calls at the Help Desk where people found one member of the family, saved that person, but for whatever reason, couldn't find others. They then add a

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new client. Only when they attempt to enter the Social Security Number do they find that this person really did exist. If you find a client that already exists and are having a hard time finding others that should be in the household, pull up a CAP2 for the case number that the client you did find was on. The other household members may be listed on the CAP2. You could then use the client ID # to pull the correct people and not create any duplicates.

9. Sometimes, when you inquire on a person and you then pull up a CLPR screen, it will say across the top, 'NOT KNOWN TO PACMIS'. We have had instances where a worker will then create a new person rather than use this client. 'NOT KNOWN TO PACMIS' simply means that this person does not have any PACMIS participation. But, does have participation on either ORSIS or USSDS. You would use this client and not create a new one.

Finally, if you know a client has to be on the HLCI, and just can't find it, please call the PACMIS Help Desk at 538-4357. We will assist you in locating this client so that a duplicate is not created.

If you do happen to create a duplicate, please call the Help Desk immediately. Duplicate clients are a lot easier to resolve if benefits have not been issued.





When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes, dies, retires or becomes disabled, certain members of the family may be eligible for SSA benefits. A person must have up to ten years of work history to be eligible for benefits, depending on the person's age at the time of death or disability.

- Unmarried children under age 18, or up to age 19 if they are attending high school full time. Under certain circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren, grandchildren, or adopted children.
- Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled.
- Widow or widower at any age if he or she takes care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled, and receiving Social Security benefits.
- Dependent parents age 62 or older.
- A widow or widower.

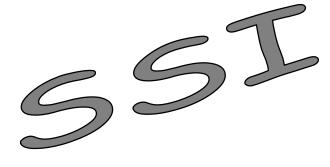
SSA benefits help to provide income for families of workers who retire, die or are disabled.

SSA pays more benefits to children than any other federal program.

You should apply for Survivors benefits promptly because, in some cases, benefits will be paid from the time you apply and not from the time the worker dies.

SSA benefit amounts depend on the average lifetime earnings of the worker.





### • What is SSI?

✓ SSI stands for **Supplemental Security Income.** The Social Security Administration administers this program. They pay monthly benefits to people with limited income and resources that are disabled, blind or age 65 or older. Blind or disabled children, as well as adults, can get SSI benefits.

### • Who is a "Child" for SSI?

- ✓ A person who is neither married nor head of a household.
- ✓ Is under age 18.
- ✓ Is under age 22 and is a student regularly attending school.

### • How does the SSI Disability Program work for a child?

- ✓ To be eligible for SSI benefits, a child must be either blind or disabled.
  - ★ A child may be eligible for SSI benefits based on disability from the date of birth; there is no minimum age requirement.
  - \* A child may be eligible for SSI benefits based on disability until attainment of age 18
  - \* At age 18, the person's impairment or unimpairment is based on the definition of disability for adults.
  - \* At any age, a person with a visual impairment may be eligible for SSI benefits based on blindness if the impairment meets the definition of blindness.

### • What are the criteria for a "Disabled" or "Blind" child?

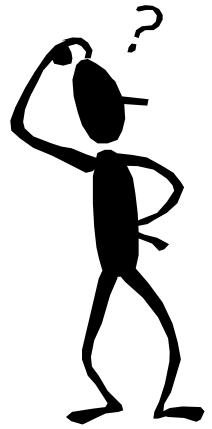
- ✓ If under age 18, whether or not married or head of household, the child has a physical or mental condition or conditions that can be medically proven and which result in marked and severe functional limitations; and
- ✓ The condition must have lasted or be expected to last at least 12 months or end in death; or
- ✓ If the child is blind, the same definition of blind applies as for adults.

### • How is SSI different from other Social Security Benefits?

- ✓ Unlike Social Security benefits, SSI benefits are not based on a prior work history.
- ✓ SSI is financed by general funds of the U.S. Treasury. Social Security taxes withheld under FICA do not fund the SSI program.
- ✓ In most States, SSI beneficiaries can also get Medicaid.
- ✓ SSI benefits are paid on the first of the month for the entire month.
- ✓ To get SSI benefits, you must be disabled, blind or at least 65 years old and have "limited" income and resources.
- ✓ To get SSI benefits, you must:
  - Be a resident of the U.S.
  - Not be absent from the country for more than 30 days, and
  - Be either a U.S. citizen or in one of certain categories of eligible non-citizens.

### How is SSI like Social Security?

- ✓ Both programs pay monthly benefits.
- ✓ The medical standards for disability are the same in both programs for individuals age 18 or older. There is a separate definition of disability for SSI children under age 18.
- ✓ The Social Security Administration administers both programs.



# What is a Representative Payee?

A representative payee is a person, agency, organization, or institution that the Social Security Administration selects to manage Federal Funds when they determine that a client is unable to do so.

# Who must have a Representative Payee?

Most Children under age 18.Legally incompetent adults.

Anyone the Social Security
Administration determines to be

incapable of managing or directing the management of his or her funds.

# Who May be a Representative Payee?

- Someone who is concerned with your welfare, usually a parent, spouse, close relative, guardian or friend.
- \* An institution or health care provider.
- \* A public or nonprofit agency or financial organization.
- \* Providers or administrative officers at homeless shelters.

# What Does a Representative Payee Do?

The most important duty of a representative payee is to know the needs of the beneficiary and to use the benefits in the best interest of the beneficiary.

DCFS Practice Guidelines for Representative Payee's are located at <a href="http://www.hspolicy.utah.gov/dcfs/">http://www.hspolicy.utah.gov/dcfs/</a> Section 303.16

# Social Security Administration Offices

### St. George, Utah

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### Salt Lake City, Utah

202 W 400 S Salt Lake City, Ut. 84101

(800) 772-1213 (801) 524-4115

Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Ogden, Utah

324 25<sup>th</sup> Street RM 2403, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Ogden, Ut. 84401

(800) 772-1213 (801) 625-5641

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### Provo, Utah

485 N Freedom Blvd Provo, Ut. 84601

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### Murray, Utah

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### What is CHIP?

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 created the Children's Health Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act. This title enabled States to initiate and expand health insurance coverage for uninsured, low-income children ages 0-19. States were given the option to provide coverage through the Medicaid program, through a separate child health insurance program or through a combination of the Medicaid program and a separate child health insurance program. Utah chose to provide coverage through a separate program, the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP).

CHIP is a partnership between the State and the Federal government. The state receives about five dollars of federal money for every one dollar of State money put into the program. The State's funds are made available through a hospital assessment agreed to by Utah's hospitals and the Legislature.

The Utah CHIP program is run like private insurance. It is not an entitlement program, which means it would probably be discontinued if the federal funds stopped, or if State funds are exhausted.

Applications for CHIP are accepted during open enrollment periods and processed by the Department of Health, Bureau of Eligibility Services employees. Three private health care networks, United Kids Care, American Family Care, and Public Employees Health Plan, have contracted with CHIP to provide the health care services.

Applications for CHIP can be found online at: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/eol/forms/forms.html">http://health.utah.gov/eol/forms/forms.html</a>

### **CHIP Contact List**

- Toll Free hotline 1-866-772-1261
- Website- <a href="http://health.utah.gov.chip">http://health.utah.gov.chip</a>
- Gaylene Henderson- 801-538-6135

### What to do if a child has CHIP when coming into state custody

- A copy of the CHIP insurance card should be obtained.
- The policy number for CHIP insurance is the Social Security Number of the youngest child covered by the plan.
- Co-pays can be made with special needs monies.
- Do not issue an MI-706. An MI-706 cannot override CHIP eligibility.
- Do not issue a 695 P.

## Time Table for Changes to Title IV-E Eligibility Manual

IV-E Eligibility Manual	Eligibility Component	Eligibility Criteria
Date		
Feb. 1999	Initial Eligibility	Court Orders
		• Contrary to welfare/best interest language within 6 months of removal.
		<ul> <li>Nunc pro tunc orders allowed.</li> </ul>
		Voluntary Placement Agreement/Upfront TPR
		<ul> <li>45 day agreements/90 days maximum; court order with best interest language required by 91<sup>st</sup> day.</li> <li>Upfront termination of parental rights requires</li> </ul>
		court order with best interest language by 6 mos. <b>AFDC Criteria (from July 1996 AFDC plan)</b>
		• Age under 18 or between 18-19, full time student and on track to graduate.
		• U.S. citizen or qualified alien.
		• Income – 100% and 185% tests for AFDC group.
		• Assets – \$1000 for AFDC group.
		• Deprivation – Absence from home, incapacity,
		unemployment with connection to workforce, or
		underemployment less than 100 hours per month.
		• Lived with any specified relative within 6 months
		of removal. <b>Physical Removal</b> – Removal from relative required.
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Feb. 1999	Initial Reimbursability	Court Orders
		<ul> <li>Reasonable efforts to prevent removal language; no limit on timeframe (but can't be reimbursable until met).</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Placement must be qualified and licensed.</li> </ul>
		SSI not reimbursable.
Feb. 1999	Ongoing Eligibility	Court Orders
		<ul> <li>No court order requirements.</li> </ul>
		Trial Home Placement
		• Eligibility continues for up to 6 months; if
		returned to placement within 6 months or less/no
		new eligibility application.
		Runaway
E 1 1000		• Eligibility continues for up to 6 months.
Feb. 1999	Ongoing Reimbursability	AFDC Criteria (where differs from initial
		eligibility)
		• Income – For child only, need standard \$1452.
		• Assets – For child only, \$1000.

IV-E	<b>Eligibility Component</b>	Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility		S .
Manual		
Date		
Feb. 2002	Initial Eligibility	Court Orders
Changes from Feb '99		<ul> <li>Contrary to welfare/best interest language required in INITIAL order.</li> <li>Reasonable efforts to prevent removal language required within 60 days of removal.</li> <li>Nunc pro tunc orders NOT allowed; only alternative to court order language is transcript.</li> <li>AFDC Criteria (from July 1996 AFDC plan)</li> <li>Assets – \$10,000 for AFDC group.</li> <li>Lived with specified relative who is legally responsible for child within 6 months of removal.</li> <li>Remova1</li> <li>Can be either physical removal or constructive removal from relative who lost custody.</li> </ul>
Feb. 2002	Eligibility Placement Criteria	This section was added to the manual as part of the
Changes from Feb '99		initial eligibility determination (but does not affect child's ability to come "in and out" of IV-E eligibility as circumstances change)
		• Qualified placement – Residential, group facility, or foster family home.
		<ul> <li>Licensed placement – Residential, group facility, or non-relative foster family home must be fully licensed (no conditional license or gap in licensure).</li> <li>Relative pending foster family licensure is acceptable for eligibility.</li> <li>State must have care and placement responsibility (no court-ordered specific placements).</li> </ul>
Feb. 2002 Changes from Feb '99	Initial Reimbursability	Relative pending foster family licensure is not reimbursable

IV-E	<b>Eligibility Component</b>	Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility		
Manual		
Date		
Feb. 2002	Ongoing Eligibility	Court Orders
	Ongoing Engionity	
Changes from Feb '99		<ul> <li>Reasonable efforts to finalize permanency plan within 12 months of removal and every 12 months thereafter.</li> <li>AFDC Criteria (all factors connected to eligibility, not just to reimbursability – correction to manual)</li> <li>Income – For child only, need standard \$1613.</li> <li>Assets – For child only, \$10,000.</li> <li>Deprivation – Absence from home, incapacity, unemployment with connection to workforce, or underemployment less than 100 hours per month.</li> <li>Trial Home Placement</li> <li>Eligibility is discontinued for trial home placement; if returns to placement within 6 months (unless court ordered longer)/no new eligibility application required.</li> <li>Runaway</li> </ul>
Feb. 2002	Ongoing Poimhurgahility	Eligibility is discontinued; if returns to placement within 6 months, no new eligibility application required.  Some as initial reimburgability (him panding ligansum).
Changes from Feb '99	Ongoing Reimbursability	Same as initial reimbursability (kin pending licensure and SSI not reimbursable).
Nov. 2002	Initial Eligibility/Eligibility	Eligibility Placement Criteria
Changes from Feb '02	Placement Criteria	<ul> <li>Licensed placement – Residential or group facility must be fully licensed (no conditional license or gap in licensure).</li> <li>Licensure of non-relative foster family home or relative foster family is not considered for eligibility (only).</li> </ul>
Nov. 2002	Initial Reimbursability	Non-relative foster family homes or relative foster
Changes		family homes must be fully licensed to be
from Feb '02		reimbursable.
Nov. 2002	Ongoing Eligibility	AFDC Criteria
Changes from Feb '02		Income – For child only, need standard \$1677
Nov. 2002 Changes from Feb '02	Ongoing Reimbursability	Same as for Initial Reimbursability

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IV-E	Eligibility Component	Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility		
Manual		
Date		
Jan. 2004	Initial Eligibility	Voluntary Placement Agreement/Upfront TPR
Changes	<i></i>	• 180 days maximum; court order with best interest
from Nov		language required by 181 <sup>st</sup> day.
'02		<ul> <li>Upfront termination of parental rights requires</li> </ul>
		court order with best interest language by 6 mos.
Jan. 2004	Initial Reimbursability	Runaway
Changes	initial Kelinoursaomty	Not reimbursable.
from Nov		• Not remioursable.
'02		
Jan. 2004	Ongoing Eligibility	Runaway
Changes		· ·
from Nov		• Eligibility continues; if returns to placement within 6 months, no new eligibility application
'02		
Jan. 2004	Ongoing Reimbursability	required.
	Ongoing Reimbursability	Runaway
Changes		Not reimbursable.
from Nov '02		
	Leitial Elicibility	AFDC Criteria
Feb 2006	Initial Eligibility	
Changes		Deprivation - continued absence of the parent
from Jan '04		from the home, incapacitation, unemployment
		and underemployment of the primary wage
		earner, if the primary wage earner is unemployed
		or employed less than 100 hours a month and has
.1. /		not refused work in the last 30 days.
		low have an effective date of Oct 1, 2005.
Feb 2006	Initial Eligibility/Eligibility	Qualified Placement
Changes	Placement Criteria	Licensed foster family home (non kin).
from Jan '04		<ul> <li>Licensed group home/residential facility.</li> </ul>
		• Kin foster home, pending licensure.
		No denial for runaway.
Feb 2006	Initial Reimbursability	Placement with kin in the process of becoming fully
Changes	_	licensed as foster family home.
from Jan '04		
Feb 2006	Ongoing Eligibility	Same as for Initial Eligibility
Changes		
from Jan '04		
Feb 2006	Ongoing	Same as for Initial Eligibility/Eligibility Placement
Changes	Eligibility/Eligibility	Criteria
from Jan '04	Placement Criteria	
Feb 2006	Ongoing Reimbursability	Same as for Initial Reimbursability.
Changes		
from Jan '04		
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IV-E	Eligibility Component	Eligibility Criteria
Eligibility		
Manual		
Date		
Nov 2006	Initial Reimbursability	Qualified Placement
Changes		Time frame for full licensure of kin in the process of
from Feb '06		becoming full licensed as foster family home is five
		months.
Nov 2006	Ongoing Reimbursability	Same as for Initial Reimbursability
Changes		
from Feb '06		
Nov 2006	Ongoing Eligibility	AFDC criteria
Changes		• Income – For child only, need standard \$1489
from Feb '06		
April 2007	Initial Eligibility	Qualified Placement
Changes		Placements licensed on or after April 1, 2007:
from Nov		Must pass Fingerprint bases FBI national criminal
2006		history records check for each foster parent and each
		adult living in the home.
		If the foster parent or any adult living in the home
		resided outside of Utah in the 5 years prior to the date
		of application as a foster parent, a child abuse and
		neglect registry check must be completed for these
	0 1 70 7 70	persons for each state they resided in.
April 2007	Ongoing Eligibility	Qualified Placement
Changes		Placements licensed on or after April 1, 2007:
from Nov		Must pass Fingerprint bases FBI national criminal
2006		history records check for each foster parent and each
		adult living in the home.
		If the foster parent or any adult living in the home
		resided outside of Utah in the 5 years prior to the date
		of application as a foster parent, a child abuse and
		neglect registry check must be completed for these
March 2009	Initial Eligibility	persons for each state they resided in.
March 2008	Initial Eligibility	Deprivation  Initially, deprivation must be determined for the
Changes		Initially, deprivation must be determined for the
from April 2007		eligibility month, whether or not the foster child lived in the removal home during that month. Deprivation
2007		in the removal home during that month. Deprivation must be met for the eligibility month, <b>but prior to</b>
		the child's removal from the home. Deprivation
		may not be established based on household
		circumstances that occur after a child's removal.
		Deprivation must be present while the child is living
		in the home.
		in the nome.

### **Eligibility File Set-up**

#### Left Side

### **CAAL Narration.**

Chronological order.

### **Placement Information** (no tab).

SAFE, USSDS or JIS placement history, placement contract, licensing information.

### Court Orders (green tab).

Warrants, petition, shelter order, rap sheet, permanency orders.

### SSA/SSI (red tab).

Foster Child SSA/SSI information.
Rep Payee Account information.

### **Right Side**

### CAP2.

**Determination** (orange tab).

Initial determination form.
Income Asset Comp form.
Verifications supporting
determination (EW preference).

### Review (blue tab).

Caseworker review form for each 12 month period. Eligibility worker review form for each 12 month period.

Filed in chronological order (oldest on bottom). Separate reviews with colored paper.

Supporting documentation with each review (EW preference).

### Application (pink tab).

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Parent Income Asset declaration.

### Verifications (yellow tab).

Birth Certificate.

SSN Verification.

Documentation supporting the determination and reviews.



### Organizational Tips OR

## How to Make Things Easier for Reviewers to Find

File court orders chronologically.

Highlight the best interest and reasonable efforts language in the initial order.

Highlight the reasonable efforts language in the permanency orders.

Keep the most recent trust account printout. If the new printout contains the entire account history the old printouts may be shredded when a new one is added.

Keep the most recent placement history printout. If the new printout contains the entire placement history the old printouts may be removed when a new printout is added.

Keep the most recent foster care licensing database printout for a provider. When a license has expired and you print a new verification of licensing for a provider, the old printout may be removed and shredded.

Birth Certificate or verification on the bottom of Verification Section

SSN verification on top of the birth verification.

Colored paper can be used to separate review periods.

Tab the court orders.

Highlight information in activity logs, CAAL notes, petitions or other sources that you are using to support your determination.

Label each file clearly.

File the case files in your cabinet alphabetically.



### **Safe Eligibility Entry Cheat Sheet**

### SAFE Person Screen — Eligibility Entry Tab IV-E Eligibility Entry (non — e-Rep)

- Enter the result of the Intial IV-E eligibility "Yes or No"
- X If yes, enter the result of the Initial IV-E reimbursability "Yes or No"

#### **SAVE**

Enter a detailed description of the determination process in the "Note Section"
SAVE Notes and Exit note box



# SAFE Person Screen — Eligibility Entry Tab IV-E Court Order Language Radial Button

- Select Case Episode
- Select Custody Type
- **X** If custody type is **"Court Order/Warrant"**, add court hearing dates and hearing types in the **"Court Orders"** section.
  - Select the applicable boxes in the "IV-E Court Order Wording" section
- **✗** If applicable, enter **"Court Ordered Placement"** information **SAVF**



# SAFE Person Screen – Eligibility Entry Tab IV-E Removal Requirement/DSPD Waiver Radial Button

- Select Case Episode
- X Enter Eligibility Month
- X Enter "Yes or No" for Removed from Caretaker Relative
- If removal was from a caretaker relative, select the appropriate relationship type
- Enter Last Resided Date
- Enter Type of Removal
- If Removal Type is "Constructive", enter the information in the Constructive Removal Requirement (all required) box
- X If applicable, enter DSPD Waiver Services information

### SAVE



### SAFE Person Screen – Rep Payee Tab General Info Radial Button

If the foster child is receiving SSA or SSI or other type of unearned income, enter the information here

#### SAVE